the raiyats themselves do not want them and they themselves would do the work now done by the sowdies, the Government will have no objection. The result would perhaps be that no one will do their work in the village. If the raiyats now want to cancel that arrangement, you can bring a representation to that effect.

BY MESSRS. S. VIRABHADRAPPA AND SATI HALAPPA (Chitaldrug Taluk) and CHANNABASAPPA (Davangere Taluk).—

Q.—27. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether their attention has been called to the controversy raging between the parties that have arisen among the Virasaiva community in the matter of the succession to the Balehonnur Peeta ?

(*b*) In the circumstances, have Government taken the responsibility in this religious matter and appointed a Committee to select a suitable candidate ?

(*c*) If such a Committee has been formed, at whose suggestion and in what manner were its members selected ?

(*d*) Have the Government received any complaints that members selected for the Committee are not acceptable and that they all belong to a single party ?

(*e*) Have Government ascertained the cause for this keen controversy ?

BY MR. CHANNABASAPPA (Davangere Taluk).—

(*f*) Is it a fact that Mr. Chandregowda of Aralaguppe did not consent to become a member of the Committee and resigned the membership, and if so, what reasons have been assigned for the resignation ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—27. (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The attention of the members is invited to G. O. No. 1822-31—Muz. 526-21-48, dated 17th June 1925. Since the order was issued, Mr. Chandregowda who was one of the members appointed by Government having resigned, his resignation has been accepted and three other members added to the Committee—Messrs. Siddaramappa Pavte (Hubli), Chickachennanajappa (Kolar) and Pandit Virupaksha Sastry (Tiptur).

(*d*) Yes. There was a representation that the majority of the members appointed under Government Order dated 17th June 1925 belonged to one party and it was on this representation that the other members named above were added to the Committee.

(*e*) Government have not considered it necessary to enquire into it.

(*f*) Yes. The chief reason given by Mr. Chandregowda for his resignation was that he was not satisfied with the constitution of the Committee.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Virabadhrappa.—

No answer has been given to sub-division (*c*).

First Member of Council.—

The Government Order referred to gives all the details that are asked for.

Mr. Virabhadrappa.—

What is the reason for the resignation of Mr. Chandregowda ?

First Member of Council.—

The answer is already there.

Mr. Virabhadrappa.—

Do the Government consider that when one member has resigned, three members should be appointed in his place ?

First Member of Council.—

One of the grounds of Mr. Chandregowda's resignation was that the parties were not properly represented. It was to meet that situation, Government had to increase the number from one to three so that the parties may be equally balanced.

BY MR. SEETHARAMIAH (Hiriyur).—

Q.—23. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The names of all the villages in which there are major tanks and channels.